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DWELLING HOUSE LEASE

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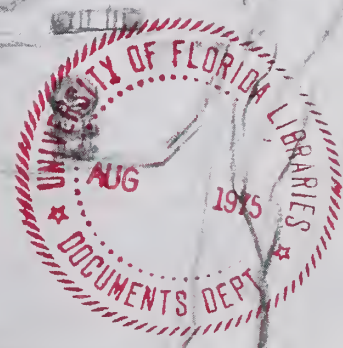
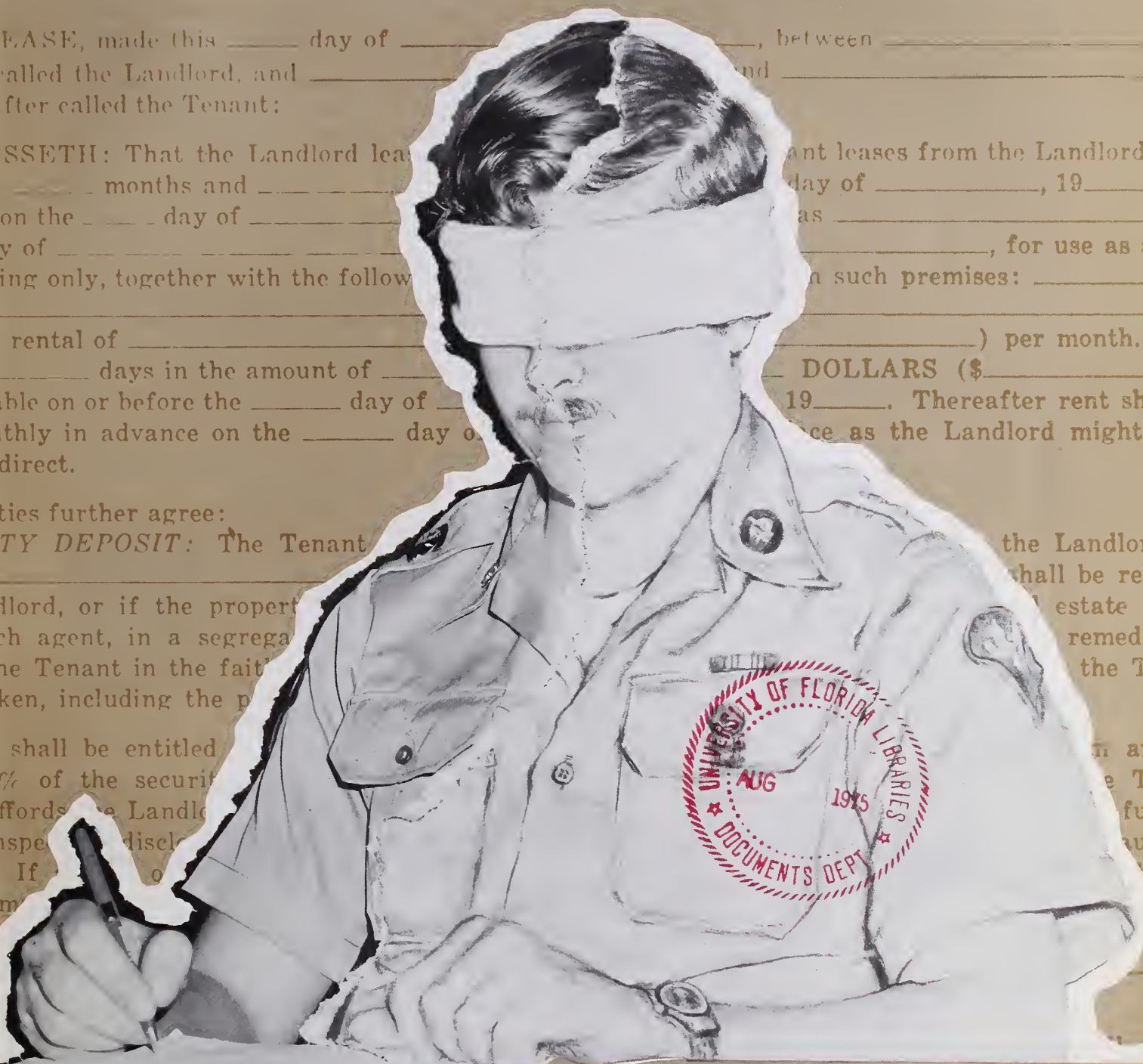
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Who Wants Flexitime?

Flexitime, as the name implies, can be very flexible. There can be many variations in its use. Statutory constraints limit Flexitime by the week and by the month for Federal servants, but Flexitime within the working day may become feasible for the ASA employee. Although only civilians were interviewed for this survey, it is possible that the policy can include ASA military members.

Lack of understanding. . .

"Very few of us understand what it's all about. The Civil Service Commission should put out printed material on the subject. Maybe we could attend briefings."

GS 5

"I'm not sure what the concept is. Will I be able to work on Saturdays and not on Mondays?"

GS 8

Good for you, but not for me. . .

"I have to be here from 7:30 to 4:15. If I left earlier, a lot of the people who co-ordinate with me would be left behind. The hours that everyone has to be here just may not be enough."

GS 12

It would be wonderful. . .

"If Flexitime could be initiated, it would make it a lot easier for me and other families who like to see their children off to school."

GS 6

Another advantage. . .

"Maybe people could accumulate more leave. They could schedule appointments and other necessities at home during the first few hours in the morning or last few hours in the afternoon and adjust their working schedule accordingly, so they would not have to take leave for necessary appointments."

GS 11

Someone's forgetting about ecology. . .

"Our office is constantly putting out literature on car pools. I'd hate to see all of this work go down the drain. It would not be that easy to regroup people according to their new schedule."

GS 13

Cleanup time. . .

"I hope the personnel shops remember about the maintenance crews. They usually start work right when we leave. . How can they clean with some of us still working?"

GS 9

More time for fun. . .

"It sounds good for the summertime. I'd like to get up early in the morning and get home in time to do a lot of things in the evening. But during the winter, who wants to get up when it is still dark?"

GS 5

Work load is heavy. . .

"My office staff is small enough as it is, let alone not having them here when I need them."

GS 14

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Our Cover—Lease reading is difficult and often impossible. To help future lease signers understand the intricacies of that ominous legal document, see "What You Don't Know About Your Housing Lease" beginning on page 2.

Our front cover illustration is a combination line drawing and photograph by Joan Stephens.

What is Flexitime?

During the past several years, there has been concern over what is seen as the growing discontent of the worker. This manifests itself in many ways—poor morale, high absenteeism, static or decreased productivity, tardiness and high turnover rates.

As the urban population grows, he is squeezed fender to fender with his fellow commuters, arriving at work frustrated and irritated with nothing to look forward to at the end of the day but a rerun of the same misadventure. Faced with these same problems, German firms in the late 1960s pioneered the concept known as "gleitende arbeitszeit" or gliding time. This is now referred to in the US as Flexitime. Today, better than 2000 firms employing a million workers have adopted the concept in Germany. The concept has spread throughout other European countries as well as the US. Flexitime is not a panacea for all the woes of the worker, but it is a new management tool which may have positive results for managers and employers alike.

Flexible time is all the time designated as part of the schedule of work hours within which the employee may choose his time of arrival and departure from the office. It is feasible that ASA can turn to Flexitime, but only by giving Flexitime a chance will we know if it can work in the Agency.

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Three weeks ago Lieutenant and Mrs. John Smith started pounding the pavement in search of an affordable apartment. Prior to World War II the Smiths would have had no difficulty in finding a place to live: most service families at that time lived in government housing. But times have changed. Today, approximately one half of all service families as well as many single servicemen and women live off their installations in nearby communities.

Just about the time the Smiths' knuckles were about to give out from rapping on doors, they found a two bedroom unfurnished apartment that suited their needs. The apartment was available and the Smiths were glad their search was over. So, when the smiling landlady handed the frazzled about-to-be-tenants the document with the tiny print entitled "Lease", the Smiths were ready to sign.

If you, like the Smiths, think all leases were written by the same folks who write Income Tax directions, don't put off reading the lease just because you are told "Oh, don't worry, it's just a standard lease." What is a standard lease? How carefully should it be read?

Anyone about to sign a lease should read every single word

of that lease and be sure they understand the implication of each sentence. It could be the third line in the sixth paragraph that tells you something that you really do need to know. If there's any doubt at all about anything in the contract, delay putting your name on that dotted line and check it out with your Legal Assistance Officer who can give you information other than simply insuring there is a military escape clause in your lease.

Remember that the lease is prepared by the landlord or his attorney and is naturally slanted in favor of the landlord. Don't assume this backs you against the wall. There are some sections of the lease which allow some leeway, or a little bargaining.

Before you begin bargaining, or start to argue with your new landlord, make sure you understand what the mind-boggling legal phrases mean.

- Description of the property. Does the lease cover all of the property under discussion, including storage, parking and cellar space?

- The duration (or term) of the lease should be well defined. The date of commencement and the expiration date should be clearly stated.

- The names of the lessor

(owner or one of his employees, such as a manager or rental agent) and lessee (that's you) should be clearly checked out.

You may want to make sure that some of these other items are in your lease:

The right of the tenant to use auxiliary parts of the building or premises, such as parking lot, garages, storage areas and utility rooms. This should be spelled out.

The right of the tenant to assign or sublet should be defined.

Unless it is expressly forbidden in the lease, a tenant may assign or sublet his leased property without the landlord's consent. If consent is required, under what circumstances will the landlord be obliged to give such consent?

The tenant should know if he can install equipment such as air conditioning, dishwasher, washing machines and other electrical "appurtenances" (a fancy word meaning equipment or accessories). The landlord's written permission will avoid haggling over such things at a later date.

The right to make alterations should be included. Many leases say "all alterations upon demised premises shall become the property of landlord, and



shall remain upon, and be surrendered with said premises. . .” This means if you put up a paper towel dispenser, it stays when you go. Request that you be given the right to take with you any equipment or appliance that you may have installed while you were renting. Also, if you end up renewing your lease, make sure you have the right to remove the fixture at the expiration of the renewal period.

In some leases the provision is made for an increase in the rental if the landlord’s taxes, water rates or payroll go up. The tenant should attempt to limit the amount of such increases as much as possible by excluding special assessments, salaries of supervisory personnel and other similar charges. In any event, the new tenant should attempt to put a top limit on the amount of such potential increases. Don’t let the sky be the limit. Avoid any such escalator clauses if possible.

Repairs or alterations will be necessary sooner or later. Make sure your lease says who will fix what if it is damaged. The tenant should try to add a clause in the lease that would permit him to make the repairs and changes and credit these payments with interest against the rent if the landlord doesn’t fix what’s broken.

When you see the paragraph entitled “Inspection at Commencement of Occu-

pancy”—this is the place in the lease where the prospective tenant should list repairs which either party verbally agrees to undertake prior to the execution of the lease. Here the tenant should list particular defects, which might be the subject of a future dispute, even though neither party agrees to remedy the defect. Badly scratched floors, dented kitchen appliances and ripped screens might be examples of items that should be listed in this section. In addition to deficiencies noted prior to occupancy, the lease requires a prompt reporting of other



deficiencies which might be noted after occupancy. Care in listing any substantial defects or items of disrepair at this time will help avoid claims being made against the security deposit when the premises are vacated.

If you want an option to renew, say so, and specify whether it is to be at the same or at a specific increased rental rate or if the rental rate is to be left open to later negotiation.

Small points of the lease are often overlooked by new tenants. Determine who is to pay for the premises for fire and liability insurance. In many states the landlord is under no obligation to the tenant to

purchase any insurance coverage for the premises & contents to be leased. Always, always, ask about insurance coverage. If the landlord has purchased insurance, ask the nature of the policy. If the property you are renting is damaged by fire, and it is your fault, the landlord, if he has insurance, will collect from the insurance company. Thereafter, in many instances, the landlord’s company will sue the tenant to recover the amount it paid the landlord. If the landlord has no insurance, he may sue the tenant directly. Because of this, the new tenant may want to buy his own fire insurance coverage.

It’s also a good idea to put your signed lease in a fire proof box. There’s no sense in going through all the trouble to get the exact wording you want in your lease and then have it go up in flames.

You may also want to find out if the landlord gives the tenants keys to their apartments free of charge. May the tenant change the locks for security reasons without the landlord’s consent?

Because many apartment complexes are changing to condominiums, you may want to write in an option to purchase. Will the landlord give the tenant an option to purchase at a specific amount?

Will the landlord agree that no rent or other obligation will exist on the part of the tenant until the tenant has actually received physical possession of the premises—a clause that should be inserted in every lease—and upon failure to do so, may the tenant cancel the lease and recover his deposit or prepaid rental?

Military clause—If military service personnel make any inquiry about their lease, it is frequently to inquire if there is a military clause permitting ter-



mination on transfer, change of orders, retirement, or reduction in force. When the new tenant learns that there is a military clause, he often then blindly signs what he assumes to be a "Standard Form."

What is a military clause? This section, if in the lease, is written to cover either the military landlord or the military tenant or both. This is a clause that you should insist be included. There is no standard military clause; the wording is a matter of negotiation between the prospective landlord and tenant. However, the Legal Assistance Officer can help the servicemember with the required wording for the lease.

This clause should provide for exercise of the right to terminate without excessive penalty. However, some penalty for terminating under a military clause very soon after entering the lease is not unreasonable to recompense the injured party and prevent an unscrupulous military landlord or tenant from entering into a one year lease knowing or expecting to terminate in a few months when he might be expecting further orders.

Everyone has come to expect that a security deposit will be required. Almost all landlords will ask for a certain amount of money (usually a month's rent) as "security for the faithful performance of all covenants, conditions, and agreements" of the

lease. This sentence means that if you back out on any part of the lease, your smiling landlord wins. But the main reason security deposits are required is to provide some money to the landlord if you wreck the apartment or to compensate for unrented premises if you leave before your term expires.

It's impossible to over-emphasize the importance of understanding what you read. In glancing over your lease, you may run across an item which says you can't make "disturbing noises." Careful reading may help you see that 10 lines later you could be evicted for that "disturbing noise."

Speaking of eviction, this nasty word is sometimes avoided in lease-wording. Rather, your lease may read "it shall be deemed a substantial violation. . ." Ah, ha-a substantial violation is just the legal term for something that could get you evicted. Some judges may stick to the letter of the law, so watch out.

Protect yourself against possible legal difficulties. If you don't know what you're reading, turn to the Housing Officer for help. Remember to take your lease with you—without it, the Housing officer has to guess at the contents of your lease.

You may rent for years without a run-in with your landlord. Ensure it by knowing what you sign.



Army Plaques—The Secretary of the Army has recently approved modification of the policy governing the DA Plaque to authorize its manufacture and sale through commercial sources. The plaque is now available for private and unofficial display. Several manufacturers throughout the states are currently producing the plaques. The US Army Institute of Heraldry located at Cameron Station, Alexandria, VA 22314, will furnish names and addresses of certified manufacturers upon request.

The ASA plaque can be obtained from General Displays, 7897 Heritage Drive, Annandale, VA, for \$17.60.

The June issue of The Hallmark featured an article entitled "Spinning Wheels" which concerned 1975 model automobiles with catalytic converters.

The article promised to provide names, available phone numbers and addresses of overseas auto dealers that are equipped to modify or restore vehicles with catalytic converters. Here's the scoop:

1. Korea—AAFES Garage at Pusan, no expansion of this capability is anticipated.

2. Japan—Following are willing to furnish service providing availability of parts and equipment:

- a. Auzen Motors (Chrysler) 1-6-2 Moto Akasaka, Minato-Ku, Tokyo. Telephone: 403-2561.

- b. Sunagawa motors (Ford), 257 Sunagawa Machi, Tachi-kawashir, Tokyo, Telephone: 36-5442.

- c. Kanesho motors (Chevrolet), Fussa, Fussa-Shi, Tokyo, Telephone: 51-0503.

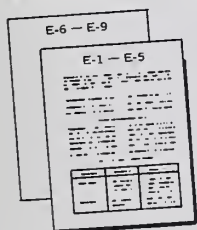
3. Taiwan:

- a. China United Motors (GM) 449 Pa Teh Rd, Sec 2, Taipei

- b. Taiwan Motor Co United (Ford) 21 Tung Hwa S Rd, Maruhay Building, Taipei

- c. Uee Trading Ltd (Chrysler), 56 Hung Chow S Rd, Sec 2, Taipei

The Hallmark will publish names of additional garages when additional information becomes available.



New forms—Two new forms—one for soldiers E-5 and below, and one for E-6s and above will be used to evaluate soldiers after October 1, 1975.

The Enlisted Evaluation Report (DA Form 2166-5) will be used for junior soldiers and the Senior Enlisted Evaluation Report (DA Form 2166-5A) for senior enlisted soldiers.

The forms, which replace the single form now used for all enlisted soldiers, are part of a continuing effort to upgrade and improve the Enlisted Evaluation System.

Reaction to the new evaluation forms was favorable after testing eight CONUS installations. Extensive critiques from enlisted men and officers went into preparation of the new forms.

Major changes in the new forms include:

- the personal data part of both forms can be used with SIDPERS and can be printed by computer.
- traits on which soldiers are evaluated cover a wider range of characteristics and are specifically described.
- more space is provided for the written narrative; both high and low ratings must be justified.
- scores and comments given the rated soldier are based on independent observations of both the rater and the indorser.
- the scoring system is open, allowing rated soldiers to determine the source of their scores. The maximum rating is 125.
- both the rater and the indorser must counsel the soldier being rated.
- the reviewer must authenticate the report.
- rebuttal statements are no longer authorized.
- an EER appeal may be submitted up to two years after the rater soldier authenticates the report.

Detailed instructions on preparation and use of the new forms are being added to AR 600-200. A revised DA Pam 623-1 will contain brief and specific instructions for raters, indorsers and reviewers. Both publications should reach the field this month.

Tour Extensions—Involuntary overseas tour extensions announced earlier this year will continue in effect during fiscal year 1976.

This announcement means that soldiers who normally would serve a 36 month long tour have had that tour extended involuntarily to 39 months. Unaccompanied personnel in a long tour area who would normally serve a 24 month tour have been extended involuntarily to 27 months. Those who would normally serve a 12 month short tour have been extended to 13 months.

The Department of the Army told commands that inflation continues to drive travel costs up and there are no funds in the FY 76 budget to permit a reduction in overseas tour lengths, "until such time as additional funds are available, it is important to insure that all personnel are fully aware of the fact that involuntary overseas tour extensions will remain in effect indefinitely."

Soldiers overseas are encouraged to extend their tours for six months or more. Voluntary extensions not only save PCS dollars but reduce personnel turbulence as well.

Chief of Staff Retires

One of the US Army Security Agency's best known senior officers retires August 1. Colonel John J. McFadden leaves active duty, having served thirty-one years as an officer. He started his career as a private in 1942 and reached the rank of M/Sgt prior to his commissioning.

His last duty assignment as USASA Chief of Staff at Agency Headquarters, Arlington Hall Station, VA, caps twenty-three years of service to the agency. Colonel McFadden first encountered the ASA, or vice-versa, in May of 1952 as commander of Company D, ASA Training Regiment at Fort Devens, MA. This assignment started a lengthy list of ASA jobs that touched many ASA commands.

Other ASA units that Colonel "Mac" commanded or served in are the 182d, 319th, 75th, 318th, 507th, 509th, 7th, 504th and TC&S.

Colonel McFadden's military education includes the Ouigda North Africa Jump School, the

Arctic Indoctrination School, and the Command and General Staff College.

His military awards include the French Croix de Guerre with palm, the Army Commendation Medal with Third Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Legion of Merit.

Colonel McFadden's retirement cannot pass without mentioning the menagerie that he brought to the Army Security Agency. Fort Devens' TC&S lived through the Lion phase from 1970 to 1972. The 7th Radio Research Field Station

came to life as baseball-capped Cobras in 1973 and 1974. And what member of the 504th has not felt as unbeatable as a pack of Wolverines?

Finally, ASA's Headquarters has seen the perky Squirrels everywhere, as well as felt the bite of the omnipresent Alligators in staff meetings.

To a most aggressive and skilled proponent of tactical proficiency and military professionalism, ASA wishes godspeed. And Keep The Faith.



New ASA Chief of Staff

Colonel John R. Rantz assumed duties as Chief of Staff for the US Army Security Agency on August 1, 1975 with the retirement of COL John J. McFadden.

A native of Wolf Point, Montana, COL Rantz graduated from West Point in 1947. His last assignment prior to becoming Chief of Staff was as Chief of Command Programs, Headquarters, USASA. COL Rantz's varied military background includes service as an interpreter, attache, foreign area specialist, Assistant Professor of Military Science at Bowling Green State University, and EW

cryptologic staff officer.

He served as Deputy Director of Intelligence, MACV and as Deputy J2, USSAG, US Army, Pacific, during the Vietnam era.

COL Rantz is married to the former Elizabeth Harrison of Glasgow, Montana. They are the proud parents of four girls.

Awards which COL Rantz has received include the WWII Victory Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Chiefs of Staff and Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badges, and Parachute Badge.



Mixing Business with Pleasure

During the average year, Major General George A. Godding takes about 25 TDY trips. The places he visits vary as much as the events that take place once he arrives.

When the 302d ASA Battalion and other members of the ASA Frankfurt community learned that General Godding would visit them at the end of May, they planned a party.

General Godding's visit began with a cocktail hour at the Terrace Club. Later, General Godding and his party and Brigadier General (designee) James E. Freeze, (former commander of the 502d ASA Group) accompanied the ASA Frankfurt community officers

and their wives to dinner at the Alte Besgmuhle, a medieval style restaurant in Dreieichenhain, south of Frankfurt. One of the many highlights of the evening was MG Godding's demonstration of his knife sharpening ability. Pictures prove that everyone had a great time.

The next morning, May 30th, began with breakfast with enlisted members of the 302d ASA Bn and 201st ASA Company (Security), and was followed by a 302d Bn briefing and office calls to Major General Frederick J. Kroesen, Jr., Deputy Commanding General, V Corps, and Major General Jonathan R. Burton, Commander, 3d Armored Division.



General Godding's recent trip to the 502d ASA Group was enhanced by the good food, good music, and great company of members of the ASA community at Frankfurt.

ASA Retirees

US Army Security Agency personnel retiring during the months of July and August include:

MG George A. Godding, COL John J. McFadden, COL Carl E. Winkler, COL Richard S. Winstead, COL James C. Martin, COL John J. Masters, COL Richard L. Jones, COL John M. Longstreet, LTC Jesse R. Forbes, LTC Charles W. Rose, LTC John R. Tracy, LTC Robert C. Newland, MAJ Glenn E. McGill, MAJ Robert Cooper, MAJ Richard L. Sowers, CPT Huey D. Anderson, CW3 David D. Bullard, CW3 Robert R. Gray, CW3 George S. Hopkins, CW3 Luis Z. Gonzales, CW3 Jon B. Bragg, CW3 William D. Smith, CW3 John W. Sparks, CW2 James L. Diagostino, CW2 Rex C. Barber, CW2 William P. Doheney, CW2 Aaron E. Karvar, CW2 Platt W. LaComb, CW2 Robert S. Everett, CW2 Elderege P. Blackard, CW2 Joseph M. McBride, CW2 John P. Sanderson, CW2 Dan P. Russell, CW2 Ralph E. Broadston, CW2 William H. Janelle, CSM Robert W. Myers, CSM William F. Bowser, SGM Bruce A. Eudy, SGM Loyd G. Holton, SGM Darrell D. Anderson, MSG Robert E. Sexton, MSG Everett J. Wilkerson, MSG Melvin F. Saul, MSG Clarence M. Burns, MSG Charles L. Roe, MSG John L. Manor, MSG O.C. Taylor, MSG Jimmie P. Kirby, MSG Billy C. Harbison, MSG Michael Koulakoff, MSG James W. Deatherage, MSG David L. Wright, MSG Robert B. Tedstone, MSG Felix A. Bickers, MSG Charles R. Blevins, 1SG Thomas E. Steckbeck, SFC Leslie G. Henson, SFC Raymond S. Bernstein, SFC Richard J. Purpur, SFC Clarence M. Kepler, Jr., SFC Richard M. Brauer, SFC John A. Long, SFC Joe E. Limbaugh, SFC Max Cumbridge, SFC Lowell T. Hasart, SFC Roger G. Mitchell, SFC Jackson C. Walter, SFC Robert D. Castle, SFC Albert R. Foy, SFC Modena J. Engle, SFC Esta C. Lambert, SFC Thomas A. Garey, SFC James F. Widener, SFC Christopher Charron, SFC Robert E. Berry, SFC Henry L. Wines, Jr., SP7 Frank List, SSG Robert J. Spencer, SSG Donald R. Clubb, SSG William A. Potteiger and SP6 Robert L. Ward.



pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



SSG J. D. Barton attaches his newest creation to his R ME CAR.

R U R E D E 4 This

Personalized license plates, also known as "vanity tags," are a popular West Texas fad. Although many people seem content with having their initials or names emblazoned above their bumpers, SSG J. D. Barton feels the task is worth a little more effort.

SSG Barton, an instructor in the Radio Telephone Training Department of the USAF School of Applied Cryptologic Sciences, is assigned to the USASATC&S Detachment at Goodfellow.

In 1974, when he had only one car, SSG Barton caught the attention of every driver he passed with license plates which stated "UR2 SLO."

In 1975, with the addition of a battered black VW to the family garage, Barton became even more expressive: "IM4 FUN" adorned the beetle while the UR2 SLO tags gave way to the '1BCNU2' eye-catcher.

SSG Barton is already creating next year's greetings, but graciously declines to reveal them. "If I tell you now," he says, "it'll spoil next year's impact!"

And to that we say: OK JD, C U NXT YR . . . THX 4 THE LAFF. (by SSG Bruce Ries)

Cobras to Deutschland

SP4 Eddie D. Humphries, late of the "Cobra 7 Vedette," and his wife, SP4 Barbara D. Humphries became the first military couple to be married in the Ramasun Station Chapel in Thailand. The Humphries reenlisted for four years and chose a joint assignment in Augsburg, Germany.

Another Cobra to reup was SP5 Peter A. Larson, who took his reenlistment oath from Colonel J. P. Brown over Ramasun's hobby radio station, WKKR.



Mrs. Barbara Marquis speaks to the OWC at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. (USAF Photo)

AF Goes Army

For the first time in the history of the organization, the Goodfellow Air Force Base Officers Wives Club has an Army wife as its president.

She is Barbara Marquis, wife of

Major Geoffrey Marquis, Commanding Officer of the USASATC&S Detachment at Goodfellow AFB.

The GAFB Officers Wives Club awards scholarships and incentive awards to area students each year. It also collects clothing for the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center at Carlsbad, Texas.

DLI Detachment

The USASA Liaison Office at the Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, California, has now become a full-fledged detachment. The unit was augmented to provide better support for ASA students attending DLI.

Captain Danny W. Braudrick recently assumed command of USASA Detachment at DLI.

Omaha DRC Honors

In a ceremony conducted in May, LTC William L. Bryant, Commander of the Omaha District Recruiting Command, received a plaque in recognition of his command's attaining 100% of its Army Security Agency recruiting objective for the fiscal year 1974.

Presenting the plaque was 1LT Robert Allison, representing the USASA Procurement and Processing Detachment at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

The Omaha District Recruiting Command was the sole DRC in the eleven-state Midwestern Region and one of only five recruiting commands nationwide to have achieved the 100% ASA objective.

Keeping at 100%

The USASA SIGSEC Liaison Office at Fort Meade, MD, which operates in direct support of Headquarters, 1st US Army, has been running a pretty good retention rate for enlisted personnel lately.

During the twenty months that Major Robert E. Resch has been Commander of the element, not a single enlisted person has left the service at re-up time.

So, when your orders assign you to the Ft. Meade SIGSEC Office, be ready to raise your right hand.

To The Point

PFC John A. Hall of the 337th ASA Company has wanted to attend West Point since high school ROTC. His wish is on its way to reality now as he prepares to leave Fort Riley for the West Point Prep School at Fort Monmouth, NJ.

I've always wanted to be an officer, and the best leadership has come from West Point," says Hall.

Know Your Gun Laws

The June Hallmark briefly discussed potential gun law problems that military personnel stationed in Massachusetts may encounter.

The state of Massachusetts recently passed a law requiring all military members and their dependents to register and obtain a firearm identification card for firearms retained in the home.

Members about to be stationed in Massachusetts should ensure that their guns are registered in advance of shipment to preclude likely penalty for failure to comply.

Additional states and territories with unique firearms registration procedures which require the attention of service members are New York, Illinois, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Guam, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.



COL Benfer (right) receives his "can of worms from outgoing USASA SA commander COL Bradley.

PFC Hall, who serves as a requisition clerk for the 337th, decided to enlist when he found that occasional weekend duty with the National Guard was not sufficient to satisfy his demands for a military life.

A Catchy Farewell

Retiring USASA Systems Activity Commander Colonel Charles R. Bradley received a M.A.S.H. - type

hat at a farewell party held in his honor at Vint Hill Farms. Each staff section of USASA SA presented Colonel Bradley with fishhooks representing each headache incurred during his tenure.

Colonel Bradley did have his say, however, as he presented his replacement, newly-promoted Colonel Richard H. Benfer, with a can of worms.

And who says things aren't sometimes fishy at Vint Hill?

Hitchhiker Killed

SP4 Richard E. Carter of the 337th ASA Company, Fort Riley, Kansas, died as a result of a bullet wound suffered on July 7, 1975. Carter was hitchhiking in South Carolina at the time.

Richard Carter was picked up on Highway 15 in Orangeburg County by a man who later stopped to pick up a couple hitchhiking. The male hitchhiker, after a short while, ordered the driver to stop the car. He then ordered the driver and Carter into an open field, where both were shot once in the head.

Carter died on July 9, 1975. The couple are now in custody.

Immediately upon notification of this tragedy, the US Army Security Agency Benefit Association released a check to Carter's next of kin.

A Completely Unique Experience

by CPT Christopher Smith

It seems it all began with da Vinci . . . ; that is, the idea of lowering a man by means of a device strapped to his back which would act in conjunction with the air to slow his descent . . .

The thought that da Vinci was airborne in spirit never occurred to me until early March when I joined a large contingent of 313th ASA Bn members at Basic Airborne Training, Ft. Bragg. Monetary constraints had kept us from the school at Ft. Benning.

The schedule seems innocuous enough. Two weeks of half-day physical conditioning followed by one week of full-time training, then jump week. The full-time would include orientation on the T-10 parachute, PLF training, lateral drift apparatus, mock door exits, and mock tower exits. It didn't look like much of a problem to me until I met my first Blackhat . . .

The Blackhat is a totally new form of life to me. He is a master parachutist who speaks at or above 110 decibels, has a conspicuous disdain for the non-parachutists, is in peak mental and physical condition and has the endearing nature of a piranha. He also wears a black baseball cap with gleaming silver masterwings.

"Hey Ten!" (We were called by our roster numbers which were taped to our helmets. I was roster number two, or "Hey Two"!)

"Three hundred and fifty-thousand pairs of fatigues are cleaned and starched by the Ft. Bragg Laundry each year. Why couldn't your pair be one of 'em? Why are you wearing a strip map on the front of that uniform, or is that your gig line? One thing your

leg body' will know when you leave my school is the difference between Kiwi Polish and a Hershey Bar . . . Geddown, Ten; Push away Ft. Bragg, Ten."

They would critique our performance . . .

"TWO!! I told you to do a PLF! What did you do, huh?! Where did you learn that? Not at my school!! Get up here and do a Right Rear PLF! . . . Better, . . . Now geddown and do push-ups 'till I'm tired . . .

They would take us through practical exercises to learn our new skills . . .



"Look at Number twenty-five! He put his parachute on up-side-down. Why did you do that, Twenty-five? The chute opens up, not down. You gonna jump out of an up-side-down airplane, dummy? Geddown Twenty-five. What's so funny, Two? Geddown Two."

The two weeks of physical conditioning were difficult, but we who had been through the unit's PREBAC program fared well. Although devoted chiefly to PT, we would learn a few terms that we would be using if we were to become airborne:

Leg (lag), n., pl. -s ((ME leg, legge))

1.)nonparachutist qualified individual;

2.)best part of a chicken.

According to the Blackhats, we were both.

The week we started full-time was designed to teach the skills required for airborne operations. The training would be conducted under intense physical and mental pressure for certain reasons. The skills had to be honed to precise, automatic reflex. We had to be in good condition and had to pay attention. I would later find each of these skills very important. All of the training was conducted in the shadow of the thirty-four foot tower. We would leap from this tower wearing a harness attached by risers to a pulley over our heads. After the jar, the pulley would glide down a long cable, (about 40 miles long if you're the trolley retriever or "rope man"), to a berm where the jumper would come to rest. The tower was designed to simulate opening shock, (don't you believe it!). Its height was such that the jumper could "ground reference" or see the tops of buildings and trees. This was designed to scare the hell out of the jumper.

The "box", as it was called, would be used to motivate us. Once, (and only once) I tried to exit the mock door by spreading my elbows instead of jumping. The Blackhat was not amused.

"C'mere, Hollywood! Hey Two! You sky-divin' or what? I bet you jump with shades on, too; huh. You go out the box like that and its gonna get you. You can't fool the box. Geddown, Two. Push away Ft. Bragg."

The key difference between the local school and the one at Benning is the lack of the 250' tower. I'm told a student is raised to a height of 250 feet where he is released and allowed to descend gently into a large circle of three foot deep plowed topsoil. We had a modified 250' tower. It was called a "C-130" and it was 1250' high, and we settled into a part sand, part not, part runway, and all schrapnel strewn area of Ft. Bragg. The parachute was not "pre-opened". I suppose it is this difference which has led some to refer to our school as a "gentleman's course".

The facts of the matter are, however, that the ASA contingent survived the PT weeks and the tower week intact. The class as a whole had to be reduced to 60 people, or one plane load. By the time jump

week came about, we were down to 56 personnel.

Jump week was something I'll never forget. The basic art of departing a high performance aircraft while it flies at 140 miles an hour 1250 feet above earth does violence to the logic of the sound mind. Before the first jump all manner of telling yourself that the equipment works and that you have been trained well, did not quell the fear. It was impossible for anyone to fix his mind on anything. There wasn't a great deal of panic until they opened the doors. The noise and stuff blowing around robbed me of that last bit of courage I had worked so hard to keep. We simply couldn't know what would happen when we stepped out into that noise.

When I did jump out, I remember nothing except complete silence, the sun shining and finally being able to breathe. My PLF was totally original. It was only after the ride back that I can remember going by reflex, through the five steps which ensure a good jump.

The Airborne ASA contingent fared quite well during the two courses. We had at least four students nominated for honor graduate and one, CPT Hogan of SIGSEC, named as the class honor graduate.

It involved a lot of work, a lot of time and the support of the Battalion, including the 1SG's PREBAC program. It was certainly worth it. AIRBORNE!



Mamma's Little Boy

June 9th and the 313th ASA Battalion was ready to jump—out of airplanes. Somewhere in a plane sat 2LT Robert Moore, a veteran parachutist. On the ground, waiting nervously, his mother and grandmother looked skyward.

The red light flashed and the troops deplaned. And Lieutenant Moore's mother was overheard saying, "Bless his little heart."

Thanks, Mom.



Post Champions

The USASA Support Group, Fort Meade, MD, ran, jumped and threw their way to the post championship in track and field recently.

After a slow start in an earlier meet, the Support Group gave notice of things to come as they outscored their closest competitor in the last invitational meet by 31 points.

Grants Announced

Winners of the Third Annual Vint Hill Farms Station Thrift Shop educational grants were announced recently by the Thrift Shop Board. The recipients of the two \$200 grants for 1975 are Susan Doheney, daughter of CW2 and Mrs. William P. Doheney, and Rel Ross, son of 1SG and Mrs. James R. Ross.

This year's awards were redesignated as educational grants to permit a wider range of participation, as they are intended to help further students' educations, be they at academic, vocational or trade institutions.

Bowling Champs

The 402d ASA Detachment, Fort Devens, MA, recently captured the Fort Devens Post Bowling Championship under some extraordinary—though for the Army, not unusual—circumstances.

Due to a training commitment, only four of the nine team members were present for the double elimination tournament. Displaying a "can-do" attitude, and a healthy handicap, the 402d team won every match on their way to the title.



Support Group track and field champs include: SP4 Moon and CPT Jones, (standing) SP4 Parker, SP5s McFadden, Porter and Thomas, and SP4s Riddick and Stamper.

Fort Bliss Champs

The 156th USASA Aviation Company bested all comers during the annual Fort Bliss Track and Field Meet. Six of last year's times fell in the track events, with the 156th taking firsts in the 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, 440 yard relay and 880 yard relay.

Notable in the field events was John Felton's 42 feet, 4 inch triple jump, which topped last year's mark by over nine inches.

Among the outstanding performers for the 156th were Marquis Knight, Ronald Leverette, William Krouse, Jacques Dickerson, John Felton and Lewis Lipscomb.

WACS Take Title

They hadn't played together as a team until their first game in regional competition, but that didn't make a difference to the Field Station Augsburg WAC volleyball team as they captured

the WAC USAREUR volleyball title in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

The ladies beat three teams in regional competition held in Stuttgart to earn their way to the finals.

Coached by Rod Vantor, team members included Folo Li, Audrey Rodriquez, Donna Franklin, Cindy Brown, Kathy Jameson, Sharon Hix, Jan Imhoff, Becky Hall and Allison Denman.

Volleyball Champs

The 337th ASA Company volleyball team rolled over all competition before finally falling in the finals in the Fort Riley, Kansas post volleyball tournament.

In the final match the 337th played USARB, which has won every tournament since 1966. That contest went the full three games, with the 337th finally falling 15-10, 10-15, and 15-9.

The 337th won a berth in the tournament by compiling a 9-0 league record, fighting their way through the best of the more than 100 team league.

Is Camping

Your Bag?

Camping can be as close as your back yard or as far away as your feet, nerves and station wagon can carry you.

If you are looking for a different campsite, try one maintained by the military. Over the years the military departments have developed sites on or near installations which can be used by members of the Armed Forces and their dependents as vacation and weekend camping sites. Fees for the use of the sites and equipment vary as does availability of sites.

Inter-service agreement permit members of other military departments to use host recreation facilities, usually on a space-available basis, although this practice also varies from site to site. A letter or phone call can ascertain fees, site availability, and the site's policy.

Following is a list of Army campsites. Next month's Hallmark will list the Navy and Air Force sites.

Area and Location	Reservations/Information	Season and Activities
ALASKA Seward Recreation Area, 130 miles S from Anchorage	Director, Outdoor Recreation Program, Recreation Services Division, Ft. Richardson APO Seattle 98749 (907) 862-6115	June through September—fishing, boating, hiking, rental boats/fishing gear mountaineering, games, 23 Quonsets, 50 trailer pads
CALIFORNIA East Garrison Picnic and Travel Camp located between Salinas Valley and Monterey on NE border of Ft. Ord	Director, Recreation Services Division, Outdoor Recreation Branch, Stilwell Hall, ATZO-PA-RS Ft. Ord CA 93941 (408) 242-5510	Year around—fishing, hiking, golf on base, sports ground, trailer pads, tenting and camping area, dump station
Hunter Liggett Military Reservation Travel Camp located at Jolon between the Salinas Valley and the Pacific Coast	Recreation Services Office, Recreation Services Division, Outdoor Recreation Branch, ATZO-PA-RS Hunter Liggett Military Reservation, Jolon CA 93928 (408) 385-5911	Year around—fishing, water sports at nearby lakes, bicycle rentals, trailer pads, dump station, tenting and camping area, laundromat
Sharpe Army Depot located at Lathrop approximately 10 miles S of Stockton NOTE: This facility is being developed; check before visiting	Recreational Services Officer, Sharpe Army Depot, Lathrop CA 95330 (209) 982-2600	Year around—limited facilities since area is being developed, swimming, water sports, boating, boat rentals, sports rentals, 4 recreational vehicles, hard stands with utilities
COLORADO Rocky Mountain Arsenal Camping Area NE of Denver	Recreational Services Officer, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Denver CO 80240 (303)288-0711 Ext. 203	Year around—picnic area, 8 campsites, no utilities; location is excellent for travelers arriving in Denver area with intentions of continuing on into the nearby mountains

FLORIDA

Destin Recreation Center located on 14 acre tract on Choctawhatchee Bay in Destin, Florida

Hq. USAIC, Recreation Services Division, Attn: Reservations Officer, Ft. Benning GA 31905 (404)545-7414

Year around—water sports, fishing, boating, games area, Gulf of Mexico deep water fishing, boat rentals, 15 cottages, 20 trailer pads, 57 trailer stalls with electricity, showers, snack bar

Fort Rucker Recreation Area located on Choctawhatchee Bay in Florida 18 miles NE of Eglin AFB

Tour and Travel Section, Recreation Services Division, Ft. Rucker AL 36360 (205)255-5816, Recreation Area (904)678-7360

Year around—all types of water activities, fishing, marine rentals, 20 2-bedroom house trailers, 20 camp sites with electrical and water hookups, sites for tents and self-contained campers

GEORGIA

Fort Gordon Clark Hill Recreation Area located approximately 20 miles from the installation on GH Highway 104

Outdoor Recreation Director, Recreation Services, Ft. Gordon GA 30905 (404)541-1057

Year around—boating, fishing, all water sports, miniature golf, marine rentals, bicycling, picnic area, cottage and mobile home rentals, camp sites with utilities

FORSCOM Recreation Area located on Allatoona Lake Reservoir about 40 miles N of Ft. McPherson

Manager, FORSCOM Recreation Area, Route 2, Cartersville GA 30120 (404)974-3413

Year around—full range of beach and water activities, rental recreation equipment, 12 camper spaces without utilities, 8 recreation vehicles spaces with utilities, 20 tent sites, cabins and house trailer rentals

Riley's Retreat located on Fort Riley Milford Recreation area 20 miles from Fort Riley

Recreation Services Office, Fort Riley KS 66442 (913)239-2226, Recreation Area (913)239-9582

Year around with some activities curtailed in winter months—water sports, marine rentals, picnic areas, recreational building with facilities, camper spaces without utilities, camp sites without utilities

KENTUCKY

Camp Carlson located approximately 30 miles from Louisville

Director, Outdoor Recreation Branch, Recreation Services Division, Fort Knox KY 40121 (502)624-1723

Year around—fishing, hunting, recreation building with utilities, tent sites, camper spaces without utilities

LOUISIANA

U.S. Army Toledo Bend Lake site located about 44 miles from Fort Polk

Director, Outdoor Recreation Branch, Recreation Services Division, Fort Polk LA 71459(318)578-2727

Year around—all types of water sports, fishing, general store, marine rentals, 18 trailer hookups, tent sites

MASSACHUSETTS

Robbins Pond located about 40 miles NW of Boston on Fort Devens

Outdoor Recreation Office, Recreation Services, Fort Devens MA 01433 (617)796-3255

June thru September—picnic areas, recreation facilities, recreation building with utilities, water sports in seasons, camper spaces with hookups, tent sites

MISSOURI

Lake of the Ozarks Recreation Area located 45 miles NW of Fort Leonard Wood

Director of Outdoor Recreation, Leonard Wood MO 65473 (314)368-4317, Recreation Area (314)346-5640

Mid-April thru mid-September—all water sports, fishing, boat launching, supplies, marine rentals, trailer sites, dormitory, camping sites with hookups and without hookups; Note: area open year around with heated fishing dock

NEW JERSEY

Brindle Lake Travel Camp located about 7 miles from main post of Fort Dix and approximately 80 miles S of New York City

Recreation Services Offices, Building 5201, Maryland Ave., Fort Dix NJ 08640 (609)562-2844

Year around—boating, canoeing, playgrounds, recreation hall, marine rentals, camper sites without hookups, tent sites: Note: water and electricity programmed for installation in 1975

Picatinny Arsenal Recreational Area located in north central New Jersey 50 miles W of New York City

Recreation Services Officer, Picatinny Arsenal Dover NJ 07801 (201) 328-4011

Year around—boating, fishing, camping, marine rentals, support building with utilities, dormitory, tent sites, camper sites without hookups

NEW YORK

Round Pond Recreation Area located on West Point Military Academy reservation

Recreation Services Division, Attn: Outdoor Recreation Branch, Bldg. 622 West Point NY 10996(914)938-4455

Year around—fishing, picnic sites, grills, beach area, playground, marine rentals, campsites for trailers/tent campers without utilities, support building

SEAD Travel Camp located on Seneca Lake approximately 50 miles W of Syracuse

Outdoor Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Service Office, Seneca Army Depot, Romulus NY 14541 (315)585-4481

Year around—swimming, boating, fishing, water skiing, picnic areas, marine and bike rentals, camping areas, trailer rentals

OKLAHOMA

Lake Elmer Thomas Recreation Area located on Fort Sill adjacent to the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge

Director, Outdoor Recreation Program, Fort Sill OK 73503 (405)351-2025

Year around with extensive use April thru October—beach and beach house, boat launch, support building with utilities, fishing, marine rentals, mobile home rentals, camper spaces with and without hook-ups

PENNSYLVANIA

LEAD Travel Retreat located on Letterkenny Army Depot in Cumberland Valley approximately 50 miles S of Harrisburg

Recreation Services Specialist, Letterkenny Army Depot Chambersburg PA 17201 (717)263-6302 or 263-6559

Year around—all post activities open to visitors, fishing, golf, bike route, support building with utilities, parking spaces for campers, trailers, etc. without utilities

SOUTH CAROLINA

Weston Lake Recreation Area Travel Center located 8 miles E of Fort Jackson and 12 miles E of Columbia

Recreation Services Division, Fort Jackson SC 29207 (803)751-5981

Year around—swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, play area, marine rentals, picnic area, camper sites with utilities, central sewage disposal point for trailers, support building, campsites, cottage rentals, dining hall in summer months

TEXAS

West Fort Hood Travel Camp located on the installation about 4 miles W of Killeen

Recreation Services Division, Outdoor Recreation Branch, Attn: Travel Camp, Fort Hood TX 76544 (817)532-9926

Year around—full range of water activities, picnic area, marine rentals, water skiing, recreation equipment rentals, camper spaces with utilities, support building, tent sites

Canyon Lake Recreation Area located near Fort Sam Houston and about 50 miles N of San Antonio

Outdoor Recreation Branch, Fort Sam Houston TX 78234 (512)221-3703

Year around—fishing, water sports including skiing, marina with rental boats, playground, picnic sites, support area with utilities, rental house trailers, camper spaces with hookups, camp sites

Possum Kingdom Recreation Area located near Mineral Wells

Director, Outdoor Recreation Program, Fort Sill OK 73503 (405)351-2025

Year around—fishing, water skiing, scuba diving, hiking, picnic area, marine rentals, family rental units, trailer pads with hookups, support building with utilities, tent camp sites

Elliott Lake Recreation Area located on the lake about 10 miles from Texarkana

Recreation Services Office, Red River Army Depot Texarkana TX 75501 (214)838-2694

Year around with extensive use June thru August—water sports, fishing, boating, marine rentals, hiking, support building with utilities, camper pads with utilities, tent sites, house trailer rentals

VIRGINIA

Freedom Star Travel Camp located on Fort Lee

Chief, Outdoor Recreation Branch, Recreation Services Division, Bldg T-9100 Fort Lee VA 23801 (804)734-2882

Year around—facilities under construction for 1975 autumn use, archery, hiking, riding stable, tours to nearby sites, camper spaces with and without hookups

Fort Pickett Recreation Area located near Blackstone approximately 40 miles W of Petersburg

Post Billeting Office, Fort Pickett VA 23824 (804)292-7231, ext. 3221

Year around—hunting in nearby area, fishing, dormitory rooms, cottages for rent, camper and tent sites with limited utilities

WASHINGTON

Fort Lewis Camping Area located in NW part of State about 15 miles S of Tacoma

Outdoor Recreation Office, Fort Lewis WA98433 (206)967-5415

Year around—fishing, swimming, water sports, boating, picnic area, marine rentals, horses, play area, camper and tent sites with limited utilities, sewage disposal

WISCONSIN

Squaw Lake Recreation Area located some 7 miles E of Sparta and 8 miles W of Tomah

Commander, Hq Fort McCoy, Attn: AFZR-PA-RS, Sparta WI 54656 (608)388-3202

Year around with extensive use mid-April thru mid-August—fishing, water and beach sports, picnic area, play area, installation facilities include theaters, marine and sports rentals, camper pads with electricity, tent pads without utilities

Aviation Detachment Leaves Thailand

In May of 1975 the ASA closed down one of its most popular overseas assignments, the Aviation Detachment assigned to the 7th Radio Research Field Station in Thailand. This had long been a highly sought after assignment by aviation personnel throughout the Agency. One of the primary reasons was the professionalism shown by all of its members. Throughout its history it was often referred to as a Cinderella outfit for its ability to come back from flights with valuable information that greatly aided the missions of those outfits being supported. The unit was filled with people who were working on their 2nd, 3rd, or 4th consecutive year in Thailand. A love of the people and country along with a feeling of importance and accomplishment led many to extend year after year.

In 1974 the Detachment left Udorn where their headquarters remained and moved to the U-tapao Royal Thai Navy Air Base several hundred miles south on the Gulf of Siam. This was brought about in an effort to move closer to their area of operation and cut down on travel time.

The personnel were greatly thrilled at this move as it gave the company a greater freedom in handling their own affairs. Besides, although U-tapao was basically a Thai Navy Air Base, it was the American Air Force which comprised 95% of the personnel. While being in a distinct minority the Army found that this is often far more of an advantage than vice versa.

Then in early April of 1975 the imminent collapse of Cambodia and Vietnam led to the cancelling of the Avn Det's mission. It was soon decided to completely dis-

band the Unit and send its assets to other units which could use some of their skills. Many were sent back to their Headquarters at Ramasun Station while the great majority were sent to Ft. Bliss, Texas where they were assigned to either the Avn EW CO. or the 156th Avn CO.

While many viewed this as an early return to their loved ones at home, most departed with a sense of loss. In the closing months at U-tapao, the personnel of the Avn Det were able to witness first hand several world famous events. It was one of the stopovers for refugees being airlifted out of Vietnam and Cambodia. They witnessed the landing of the remnants of the South Vietnamese Air Force as they fled their country for sanctuary in Thailand. They also observed the retrieval of many of these planes by the U.S. Government before they could fall into communist hands. U-tapao was also the staging area for the marines when they invaded Koh Tang Island to rescue the Mayaguez and its crew.



Finally on May 25 one-fourth of the detachment boarded an Air Force C-141 to begin their flight back to the U.S. Most of those remaining were to depart in the following week with no more than 10 men remaining in Thailand. These people would be staying to crew the lone remaining aircraft which was to be returned to Headquarters to act as an administrative carrier. So it is with fond memories that the men of the AVN DET OF THE 7th RRFs say Sawadee to Thailand, U-tapao, Pattaya Beach, Bangkok, Newland, Ann's Company, Madame T's and all the friends they met there.



SP5 Robert Manning makes do as best he can after the furniture and most of the equipment had been sent out.



Left, RU21D being pulled up the ramp and into the C-5 cargo hold. (Above) Avn Det personnel make a few adjustments before the RU21D will fit into the C-5.

CURIOSITY and the Emergency Room



Science & Medicine

Looking back over many years of Emergency Room duty at a number of duty stations, it's interesting to relate some of the "unusual but common" things we see in the average Emergency Room.

Some of them seem rather humorous when you look back at them, but they most certainly were **NOT** humorous at the time, to the patient **OR** the staff.

One regular event in the Emergency Room is the small child with his or her tongue stuck in a pop-top soda can.

Small children seem to like to stick their tongues into holes in cans or bottles, and this can be disastrous with the pop-top soda can, or for that matter the soda can that has been opened with a "church key."

When the can is opened a very sharp-edged hole remains which can provide a perfect trap for the innocent toddler's tongue.

The good old soda pop bottle is quite an offender also. Kids like to suck on the bottle, then plug the

bottle up with their tongue, and the vacuum can be such that it is quite painful and the bottle can get a permanent grip on the tongue.

Fingers, both children's and adults, seem to find their way into sodapop bottles too, and must be removed by relieving the vacuum just as if the bottle was hung up on the tongue.

I used sodapop cans and bottles as examples, but it can just as easily be a beer container; and when they're a few sheets to the wind, you'd be very surprised at what can happen to some adults.

We've had some pretty weird things brought into Emergency Rooms too.

Once a child was brought in with his head between the bars of a six-foot section of wrought-iron picket fence.

Once in Oakland, a lady was brought in with her big toe stuck in a hole in the center of a six-foot-square by four-inch-thick slab of steel reinforced concrete.

The really hard one was a lady

who was brought in "epoxied" to a toilet seat. It seemed her husband had painted the toilet seat with epoxy paint, and, though it was dry to the touch, it wasn't quite dry enough to sit on—she found out the hard way; and the seat was extremely difficult to remove.

Cars are really great for Emergency Room trips, and I don't mean as transportation.

We had one man brought in with an eight cylinder engine block attached to his right index finger—he had stuck his finger into a cooling port to retrieve a nut and the finger got stuck.

Also, we had a child brought in who had stepped through the center hole of a spare tire rim—the foot went through, but wouldn't come back out; thus, a 45 pound, permanent ankle bracelet.

Beads, beans and other small, smooth, round objects stuck up noses and in ears are extremely common items for removal by Emergency Room personnel.

We've seen many children brought in by parents who thought the child had swallowed something, only to x-ray them and discover the child was a walking junk yard.

One such child had over two dollars in change plus quite an assortment of bolts, nuts, screws, safety pins (at least the mother had the forethought to close the safety pins before laying them down), buttons and other miscellaneous junk.

Kids do like to put things in their mouths.

So, the next time you visit your friendly hospital or dispensary Emergency Room, don't be startled if you are met at the door by a doctor or corpsman who has a hammer, cold-chisel, crowbar and hack-saw in his hands.

He probably just finished up a very interesting case.

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Bicentennial Project

"The history of the United States cannot be told without including the history of the Armed Forces," said Air Force Captain Scottie S. Thompson.

Beginning on Independence Day 1975 in Alexandria, Virginia and ending December 31, 1976 in Sacramento, California, U. S. Armed Forces Bicentennial Exhibit Caravans will tour the country presenting the theme: "The History of the American Armed Forces and Their Contributions to the Nation."

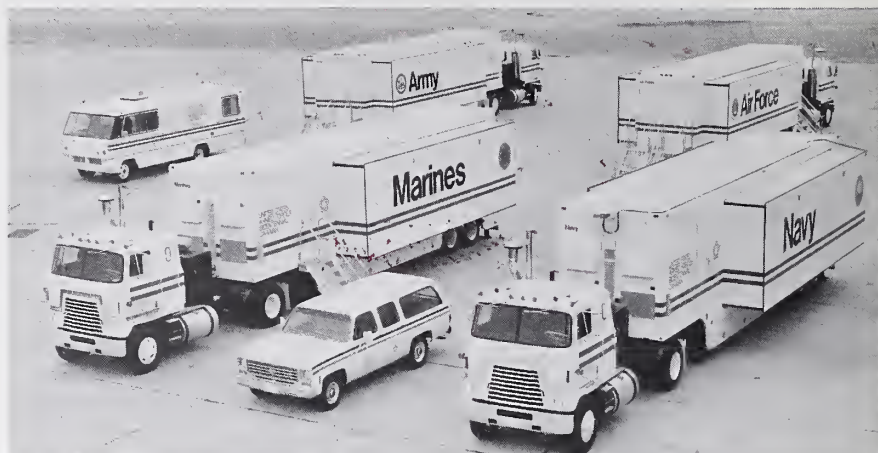
For this project, the country has been divided into four sections, roughly resembling the time zones. In each of these geographical areas, a caravan of four tractors with 40-foot expansible vans, one representing each branch of service, will participate in local Bicentennial activities.

The Army, Navy and Marine Corps vans will be walk-through exhibits. The Air Force van will be a mini-theater.

The Army van covers the Army wartime role, contributions during periods of military government; community assistance; science, medicine and technology; exploration; and current achievements. Display techniques used in this van include a short movie, backlit transparencies, a multi-media show and an electronic question and answer board.

Exhibits in the Marine Corps van depict the "Heritage of the Corps" in five sections: Revolutionary War, the Century of 1798 to 1898, the Marine Corps Band, the Twentieth Century and Marines Today. Utilized in this display will be short movies, paintings and models of Marine Corps aircraft.

The Navy exhibit portrays that service's role in America's first 200 years and cover the Navy's contributions to knowledge and Navy-developed products and processes which have improved the life of the average American.



A typical exhibit set up.



The Army exhibit portrays its history and national contributions.



Radar is one of many naval scientific developments



The marine exhibit explains how John Philip Sousa influenced the Marine Corps Band.



The Air Force's multi-image theatre.